

REMARKS

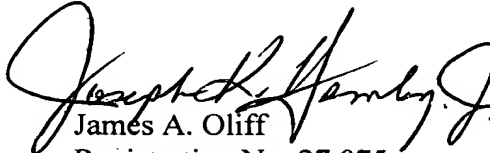
The above amendments are made to conform the formulae to the description of the formulae in the specification.

Entry of these amendments is proper under Rule 312(a) because the amendments do not require further search and/or consideration by the Examiner, do not affect the scope of the claims, and are made merely to conform the formulae to the description of the formulae in the specification. A Notice of Allowance for this application was mailed on April 3, 2001, and the Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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